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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

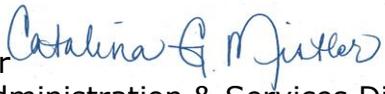
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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **Middle Class Scholarship Processing Update**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides the latest information on the Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) processing cycles for the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) campuses.

The Commission is providing the following updates on the processing and application availability. Please expect the following services:

Academic Year 2014-15

- Enrollment files submitted during the month of July were processed over the weekend.
- The following functionality is available now in WebGrants:
 - Payment and correction file upload.
 - Roster screen.

Academic Year 2015-16

- The following functionality is available now in WebGrants:
 - Enrollment file upload
 - Payment and correction file upload
 - Roster screen
- Fall Term will be opened for payments and corrections.
- The next award cycle is scheduled to run on Friday, September 4.
- The first 2015-16 disbursements to campuses will be available by **September 10**, if payment files are submitted this week.

2015-16 Enhancements

- The loan default edit that was in place with the Enrollment process has been removed. Campuses are now responsible for clearing the student's default status prior to disbursement.
- The asset ceiling edit is located under the Enrollment process. Any student who exceeds the \$150,000 asset amount is found ineligible. If a student is awarded and is later found to have assets that exceed the limit, it is the campus responsibility to disqualify the student. Campuses can report the annual eligibility change and corresponding reason code.
- Search capability function for payments in a recertify status is available. Users can check the "Recertify Only" box on the MCS Display Roster screen to see a list of students.
- The Student Reconciliation Report is a new available report since July 31, 2015. This report holds a summary of reconciled payments to date and generates weekly.

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